IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.692 OF 2005

Sachin @ Balu Sahebrao Lotke
and another ... Applicants

versus

The State of Maharashtra ... Respondent

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Mr. Vilas B. Tapkir, for the Applicants.

Mr. V.B. Konde Deshmukh, A.P.P., for the Respondent.

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CORAM : A.M.KHANWILKAR,J.

15th February 2005

P.C.:

. Heard Counsel for the parties. There is sufficient material to connect the Applicants with the commission of the crime, which is, indeed, serious one. The Court below has referred to the statement of Manjula Govind

Shinde, which indicates the complicity of the Applicants in the commission of the crime. Besides, learned A.P.P. points out that there is other evidence on record, namely, recovery of van at the instance of the Applicant No. 1 in which all the accused were travelling together. In addition, there is evidence to show that constant telephone calls were given demanding ransom by the accused. The charge is one of conspiracy. The fact that no recovery of any weapon is made at the instance of the Applicants makes no difference. Taking overall view of the matter, this application deserves to be dismissed. Ordered accordingly.

. The Principal Judge, Greater Mumbai, is directed to assign the case to the Fast Track Court to ensure early disposal of the trial.

(A.M.KHANWILKAR,J.)